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Council Considers Anti-Maglev Strategy, Reopening, Statues

by Allison Mollenkamp

At its September 14 meeting the Greenbelt City Council considered two plans to oppose the SCMaglev train. They will also send a letter in opposition to a potential statue garden in Greenbelt Park.

Council was supportive of staff proposals to oppose the maglev project. The first maglev agenda item was a step toward creating a task force to oppose the train. The task force would lead efforts including public outreach and partnerships with other organizations.

Much of council's discussion of the task force revolved around its composition. Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested that all members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board be included on

the task force, since the city's Forest Preserve could be adversely affected by maglev. "They are uniquely situated to have a lot of information about the Forest Preserve in general," Roberts said. "They've been working on all the various items. They know, they have access to, you know, what plants are there and animals and endangered species."

Other councilmembers suggested the board should include representatives of the Youth Advisory Committee, council and local homeowners' associations. Council asked staff to prepare a resolution creating the task force to be voted on at the next regular council meeting.

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Distance Learning at ERHS: Virtual Reality Relationships

by Amy Lepore



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The forecourt at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is deserted.

With the 2020-2021 school year beginning on August 31, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) community is adjusting to a full semester of virtual learning.

ERHS is operating on their normal 8:45 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. eight-period bell schedule for live classes, with Wednesdays reserved for asynchronous work and enrichment if necessary. This plan will be in place until January 29. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will reevaluate in December and determine whether it is safe for students and teachers to return to school for hybrid instruction or continue virtually.

Both students and teachers say that the most difficult part of switching to online learning is the inability to form new relationships. For freshmen and new students, it is especially important to not only make new friends but build relationships for academic support. Freshman Sasha Sehgal says that the most difficult part of

virtual learning is "not being able to talk to new people," including teachers and students. A benefit from being in a physical classroom is that it allows students

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 26 10 a.m. National Public Lands Day event (See city ad for details.)

Monday, September 28 8 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 29 7 p.m. Police Town Hall

Wednesday, September 30 7 p.m. Special Meeting: Update from Comptroller Franchot's Office

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



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Supporters gather outside the Police Station on Friday, September 18. See story, page 9.

New Deal Auction Over \$12K Mark, Wins Best of D.C. Award

by Julia Arbutus

A basket of goodies from Bobo's Oat Bars, a hand-woven Indian rug, three bags of compost and private lessons on everything from playing the guitar to parenting: these are just some of the unique items and experiences that can be found at the New Deal Café's online fundraising auction,

called Let's Make a New Deal, sponsored by Beltway Plaza. The auction is live until September 26 and has made more than \$12,250 in the past two weeks to support the Café's operation. This brings the total to 81.7 percent of the current auction goal of \$15,000.

The cooperative eatery and

music venue in Roosevelt Center shut its doors in March due to safety concerns amid the early days of the coronavirus pandemic. Even though the Café's food contractor, DC Vegan, has reopened for takeout and, more

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Election 2020

Everything You Need to Know About Voting in the 2020 Election

by Kathleen Gallagher

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

For a while it seemed as though this new tripartite method of voting would be too strange and too complicated to work, especially on the short notice provided by a pandemic, but one by one the pieces are falling into place. This article will provide the basics on the when and where of these methods, but much more information is available on the website of the Prince George's County Board of Elections at princegeorgescountymd.gov/1691/Voter-Information or by contacting staff at 301-341-7300. Questions about mail-in ballots can also be addressed by email to atboeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us.

Some things must be done regardless of what method of voting is planned. One is to register to vote or to correct your address or name listing if you are not already registered correctly. The deadline for registering is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13. Resi-

dents may register to vote online if they have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. Otherwise an application form is

available on the website in English or Spanish that can be filled out, signed and then mailed,

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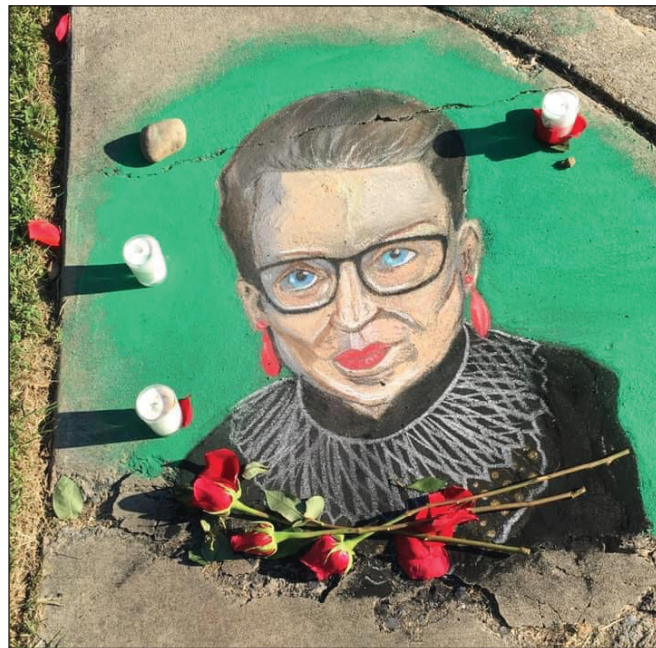


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A chalk drawing in Greenbelt memorializes Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Board of Education Member Talks School with Council

by Mathew Arbach

On Wednesday, September 9, District 2 Board of Education (BOE) member Joshua Thomas visited the Greenbelt City Council to apprise them of how Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) are adapting in this period of the COVID-19 pandemic. He was joined by BOE District Liaison Juan Mercedes. Thomas reported that there have been many challenges alongside “small victories (to be) proud of and happy about.”

Thomas said that the BOE is moving ahead with its most recent reopening plan, with the following timeline:

- August 31 to January 29, 2021. Distance learning for all grade levels.
- By the third week of November. Report to Maryland

State Department of Education (MSDE) on date to reopen buildings – if safe to do so, PGCPS will offer families the option to continue distance learning or begin hybrid instruction for the remainder of the school year.

- February 1, 2021, to the end of the school year. Depending on conditions, PGCPS will implement a hybrid staggered schedule with two days of in-person learning and three days of distance learning. Full-time distance learning will continue for those students who opt in.

School Meals

Meal distribution, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 2- to 18-year-olds, has resumed, with all schools, including those in Greenbelt, serving as pickup sites. To find more

information on this program, refer online to pgcps.org.

In the coming weeks, additional technology distribution will occur.

Building Relationships

In order to “build strong relationships with your school community,” said Thomas, the BOE has encouraged attending virtual Back to School Nights; communicating with teachers through email, Google Classroom and ClassDojo (parents can request a phone appointment); attending virtual PTA/PTO/PTSA meetings; and attending principal and other virtual events such as technology trainings.

Parents can build a supportive network through a buddy system with the parents of their children’s classmates as a go-to person when they have questions about assignments and schedules; form a learning pod, safety permitting, where parents take turns managing the school day, if they are unable to stay home themselves; and attend PGCPS Tele Town Hall Calls and virtual events like

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and teachers to interact in real time and learn from one another, an aspect that is lacking in virtual classrooms. Heather Seyler, English teacher at ERHS, states that, “energy and ... ideas from students are what make teaching worth it. However, planning lessons for virtual school involves twice the energy from teachers and makes it twice as hard for students to communicate their input.”

“Small, one-on-one, relationship-building moments like hallway conversations are hard to build into online learning,” adds Seyler.

Many ERHS students struggle to maintain the same quality of learning while being stuck at home. Working from a computer for seven hours is draining and provides less variety and physical breaks than in-person school. Without the ability to transition from classroom to classroom, students are stuck in the monotony of their restricted home workspaces. Senior Colleen Gunn says, “it feels really weird to sit on Zoom for hours and not really talk to anyone for the whole time.”

Virtual learning also limits teachers’ ability to cater to all students, and many students with hands-on learning styles are suffering. Lab work in science classes is nearly impossible and engaging discussions are challenging over unreliable technology. “I think the teachers are trying their best to keep the quality the same, but there are so many things that you can only do in person,” states junior Cynthia Rego.

Teachers also struggle to reach their students as well as they have in past school years. “I feel like in some classes I’m just talking to a wall,” says Kenneth Robertson, a government teacher at ERHS. Without the ability to walk around the classroom and observe students complete their work, teachers wonder whether their students are absorbing everything they teach.

“I took for granted how easy it was for me to putz around checking homework or some other assignment and pick up tidbits from each student to relate back to throughout the year,” adds Robertson.

Students were able to pick up

textbooks and Chromebooks from ERHS before the school year began, but many of them are still lacking necessary supplies. Times to pick up supplies were assigned alphabetically based on a person’s last name and some students are still missing textbooks and computers. Students and teachers understand that ERHS is working to obtain these materials as soon as possible, but the shortage still hinders learning. As a solution, online versions of textbooks are provided for some classes, but many students prefer to read from physical copies to limit excess screen time. At home, Wi-Fi and connectivity issues present a problem for everyone, but both students and staff assert that it’s important to be patient and understanding of everyone’s problems.

However, in true Roosevelt fashion, many students and teachers are seeking out positivity despite all of the negativity they face. Sleeping in, avoiding a busy commute, taking advantage of flexible scheduling and getting extra time at home with loved ones are just a few of the things that members of the ERHS community are enjoying right now. Students are working to keep in contact with old friends and make new friends in their classes, while teachers are reaching out to each other for help and making efforts to get to know their new students. Many students and teachers recommend sticking to a schedule to maintain a sense of normalcy. Junior Melanie Valenzuela says it is necessary to “take it one day at a time” and Seyler agrees, saying that “small victories are important to celebrate.”

All of ERHS is extremely appreciative of the group effort it takes to make virtual learning successful. “Witnessing all of the effort and dedication that the teachers, administration, counselors, students and many other people put into online learning makes me so thankful and joyful. It pushes me to do my best and view online learning in a much better perspective,” affirmed junior Abby Lopez-Freire.

Amy Lepore, who wrote the story and Divya Chappa, the photographer, are students at ERHS and members of the Raider Review, the school’s newspaper.



Letters to the Editor

Greenbelter Longevity?

A recent headline in the AARP Bulletin (September 2020, Vol. 61, No. 7) caught my eye: Livable Communities May Stretch Life Span. The first paragraph stated new research findings: “Want to live to 100? Reside in a place with lots of paths and walkways, and surround yourself with people of all ages.” I was immediately struck by how well this preferred residence described Greenbelt.

Oler Amram, the senior author of the study and an assistant professor at the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, Washington State University, said, “What we have found is that people are more likely to live longer in higher walkability neighborhoods with more work-age diversity.”

If we needed yet another good reason to be in Greenbelt, here’s another example – and a bit of good news during our current challenging times.

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Community Events

At the Library

A full schedule of upcoming virtual events hosted by Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) may be accessed at pgcmls.info/virtual-events.

Customers with questions are invited to call Ask a Librarian at 240-455-5451 or email askalibrarian@pgcmls.info with questions. Library staff are available by phone Tuesdays 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m.

The library has also featured local authors on a weekly basis through the Antoine & Friends: Local Children’s Authors Series and Local Authors Series every Saturday at 10 a.m. All programs are on PGCMLS YouTube and made possible by the PGCMLS Foundation.

Educational Resources

The library supports learning from home with a wide array of online educational resources for students in grades K to 12. The library recently launched the new Resources for Learning from Home portal at pgcmls.info/school. The portal complements the library’s Homework Support Suite to enhance the virtual learning experience for local students.

All Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) students have access to the library’s online resources with their LINK card number. When accessing the online library and prompted for a library card number, students should use their 9-digit LINK card number with PGCPS in front (for example, PGCPS100100100). No library card sign-up is required. Students’ pin numbers are the last four digits of their LINK card number. Adults may register for a free virtual library card at pgcmls.info.

Requesting Books

Hold requests for up to 50 items can made be via catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris or 240-455-5451. Patrons are notified when the items they requested are available so they can schedule a pickup appointment. Pickup by pedestrians or by bicyclists must be indicated when scheduling a pickup time. All patrons picking up items must wear a mask.

At the Greenbelt Library returned items must be placed in the returned book slot to the right of the lower entrance. Items need to be in quarantine for seven days before they are checked in and processed, so they may temporarily appear as overdue in patrons’ accounts. The library is now fine-free: all existing overdue fines have been waived.



Art and Craft Fair Call for Artists

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, September 30 for Greenbelt Recreation’s 2020 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The show will take place online this year from Friday, November 27 through Sunday, December 20. Participation is open to fine artists and crafts persons in all media, as well as writers, musicians, filmmakers, youth and nonprofit groups. Information is available at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Meditation Classes

A series of mindful meditation classes will start Thursday, October 1. Classes are based on the premise, as stated by Thich Nhat Hanh, that, “To meditate is to bring body and mind back to the present moment so that you do not miss your appointment with life.”

This five-week class will support establishing a meditation practice to enhance well-being and relationships. The first three weeks will share foundational mindfulness practices for working with challenging thoughts, emotions and physical discomfort. The last two weeks will introduce skills for bringing mindfulness into personal and professional relationships.

The class will be held online from 4 to 5:15 p.m. each Thursday in October through Zoom. It is offered at no charge; donations are accepted but not required. Register by Wednesday, September 30, to receive the Zoom link and course materials.

This introductory class will be offered by Heidi Schuttenberg, Ph.D. She has practiced meditation for 35 years and is currently a mentor in the Year of Living Mindfully program led by Jonathan Foust. She is completing a two-year Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification Program with Tara Brach and Jack Kornfield. Contact Schuttenberg with any questions about the class at heidi.schuttenberg@gmail.com.



Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Take a Virtual Trip To the Moon Thursday

To help celebrate International Observe the Moon Night this year, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) is hosting a special one-hour Zoom show on our solar system companion, the Moon. The presentation starts at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 24. Geared toward both children and adults, this show is centered around a virtual trip to the Moon. The event is, as always, open to the public. The Zoom link is posted on the ASG home page, greenbeltastro.org. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. Questions and comments during the course of the show are encouraged.

Goddard Hosts International Observe the Moon Night

by Terri Rutledge

International Observe the Moon Night is an annual worldwide celebration of lunar science and exploration. One day each year, everyone on Earth is invited to unite to observe and learn about the moon and its connection to planetary science, and to share personal and community connections with the moon.

The public is invited to virtually attend NASA Goddard Space Flight Center’s International Observe the Moon Night 2020 on Saturday, September 26 from 7 to 8 p.m. The event will feature 40 minutes of engaging pre-recorded content – presentations, demonstrations, video – and 20 minutes of dedicated Q&A with NASA scientists and engineers. NASA experts will also be online throughout the event to answer questions. It will be streamed via NASA TV, the Goddard Visitor Center Facebook page and on the NASA Goddard YouTube channel.

International Observe the Moon Night is always held near a first-quarter moon, which means that the near side of the moon is

Free Student Meals At Greenbelt Schools

Meal pickup and delivery will be free for all Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) students through Thursday, December 31. All schools in Greenbelt serve as meal distribution sites. Students picking up meals do not need identification. Parents and guardians should bring a student ID or most recent report card. It is possible to collect for others by bringing the appropriate student numbers.

Multi-day meals are available for pickup Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the PGCPS website, pgcps.org, for more information and a list of delivery locations.

Children’s Art Classes At Greenbelt Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation has a full fall schedule of online children and teen art classes. Classes range from two to six meetings, so you can try out something small if you’re worried about adding another item to your child’s busy day.

Art Explorers Club: Maryland Wildlife, taught by Rachel Cross, starts on October 15 and runs for five weeks. Participants will make art as they learn about local animals and their native habitat.

Leah Cohen will be teaching a series of Visionary Art Workshops, each just two meetings. The next workshop, Spirit Animals, starts on October 12. Participants will learn about the alebrijes, or spirit animals, of Oaxaca and make one of their own.

Other children’s art classes teach puppetry, polymer clay, printmaking and illustration. Teen classes include a painting class, sewing classes and polymer clay jewelry. For full class listings go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation, and click on Fall Classes.



Visit Art Studios

The Greenbelt Recreation ARTS program will sponsor a fall Open Studio Tour on Sunday, October 4, starting at 1 p.m. A series of 10- to 15-minute studio visits will take place live on Instagram. Artists in residence at the Community Center, plus additional Greenbelt artists, will welcome guests to their creative workspaces and share their artwork. Several artists offer online shopping opportunities and accept appointments for individual viewing and consultation. The full line-up, including links, will be posted next week on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center: greenbeltmd.gov/recreation. For more information, contact ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.



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Located on Hamilton Place across from the GHI building, “Henry’s Hollow” gets its name from John Henry Jones, avid gardener, who worked his plot here for many years beginning around 1980. He retired from active gardening in 2016.

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My Perspective

Round Peg in a Square Box: Distance Learning Struggles

by Christine Doran

In the Prince George’s County Public School (PGCPS) system, school will be online for the foreseeable future, at least until January. We are into the third week of distance learning now and the technical hiccups that marked the first week or so seem to be calming down. We are all getting into the swing of it. The children log into their Zoom classrooms at 9 a.m., where they are required to have their cameras on and their mikes off unless the teacher asks them to unmute.

Older children go from one Zoom classroom to another, with intervals of independent work between, and a break for lunch, until they can log off at 3:30. Later in the day they’ll probably need to fire up the screen again to do their homework. Elementary school children may have fewer classrooms to hop between (with help often needed), but they too are logged in and on screen for about half of the six-hour school day. Wednesdays are shorter, with fewer classes or only small-group work.

Some students are thriving in this new regime. They can sleep a little later, when getting to school only takes as long as the trip from one room to another. Uniform requirements have been put on hold for many. The novelty of not having to deal with the non-arrival of school buses must be universally positive. Doing schoolwork by natural light is another bonus for some; that might sound like a given, but Eleanor Roosevelt High School is not alone in having been designed without any windows.

Some parents I spoke to had nothing but good things to say about how the schools are pivoting so quickly to online learning and how their children are getting on. Greenbelter Alison Gary’s daughter is a sixth grader at Greenbelt Middle School, and has found she actually prefers distance learning. “She’s not distracted by her peers, she feels the teacher sees her and she isn’t overshadowed by extrovert students, and she is forced to focus. She is also less exhausted after school.”

But other students and families are struggling, or even despairing. Some have already jumped

ship and made the decision to homeschool, for this year at least, rather than have their children stare at a screen for half the day, bored, zoned out or unengaged. Others would love to homeschool but lack the time or resources or are afraid to lose a spot in a lottery school.

My family is one of the lucky ones. We don’t have income or housing worries, we have a good internet connection and we’re not dependent on the county-issued devices that seem more problem-prone for broadband connections. English is our first language and we have support in our community. We have enough space and furniture for everyone to sit at their own desk. We have not been sick and we are not high risk. We have not lost family members to illness. We only have to be the normal amount of worried about catching COVID-19, whatever that level of worry is. Despite all of this, online schooling isn’t going entirely well for my own sixth grader, for myriad individual reasons. I cannot begin to imagine how difficult schooling is right now for people who don’t have our advantages.

And there are children with special needs, who often desperately need the predictable structure of in-person school and the services that trained teachers there provide, and those at-risk children who depend on the school building and those in it for respite from their home life: a place they can depend on to provide warmth, shelter, food and people who care about them. These are students who desperately need school to be in-person again as soon as possible.

Many of my friends are teachers, both in PGCPS and in private schools. They all agree that the school system and the schools are “building the plane as they fly it” right now, and the stress is immense. More than one has said that after a week of school they felt as burnt-out as if it was the week before winter break. Some teachers are struggling with the technology. None of them signed up for the job as it is now, or trained for it, or ever expected to do it this way. The curriculum was not designed for distance learning, so apart from

everything else, they’re trying to shoehorn a round peg into a square hole.

One teacher, who asked to remain anonymous, told me “I am so stressed. I’ve been teaching 10 years and usually can do this standing on my head. But now I can’t think of anything else but work. I get up early and work late to try to maintain the standard of education my students and admin are used to.”

This goes to the heart of the problem, I believe. The schools are being forced to put on an encouraging face and exhort us to believe that if we all work together, we can overcome this and online school can be the new normal. But online school isn’t normal. It isn’t school as we know it – for my sixth grader, and for many students, online school is just all the hardest parts of school, with none of the redeeming things that make showing up every day worth it.

We are in a global pandemic. None of this is normal. I would like the school system, from the top, to stop pretending that everything is fine and that everyone – teachers and students – can proceed just as usual, only remotely. This is not a normal year, this is not how anyone’s used to teaching or learning, and online school is not the same as school in real life.

Amelia Colarco, parent of two children in PGCPS, says, “Top-down administrative expectations are completely unrealistic. We need to trust our teachers more in general and especially right now.”

Teachers’ and even principals’ hands are tied when PGCPS is standing firm with requirements for testing, attendance and assignments. I would like the schools to be able to extend some grace when it comes to expectations and requirements and for PGCPS to lead the way in establishing a culture of flexibility and compassion for its students, parents and teachers as individuals who are all facing new and perhaps insurmountable challenges. There may be no good way to get through this; perhaps all we can hope for is to find the least-worst way.

Christine Doran is a Greenbelt writer whose fourth book in the Lilac series will be coming out soon.

Obituaries

David Rosenfelder



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

David Rosenfelder

David Wayne Rosenfelder died on September 17, 2020. He was born August 23, 1952, and was a 1970 graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., and a member of the

Glee Club. David was a lover of music, mostly British Invasion and New Wave rock. He attended a Jimi Hendrix concert when he was 15 years old. He was kind and helpful to his friends and family, who all will miss him greatly.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, William Rosenfelder, Jr. and Eileen (Golden) Rosenfelder. He is survived by three sisters – Nancy Horstkamp, Joan Josey, Eileen Keiper – and six brothers, Bill, Jim, Paul, Mike, John and Marty. He was Uncle Dave to 16 nieces and nephews and Great Uncle Dave to 21 grandnieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held next year on his birthday weekend, August 21, 2021.

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The Bible Says...

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Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’
Isaiah 41:10



Sunday Worship Services
10a-11a ONLINE
MCFcc.org/online

“A candid acknowledgement that prejudice, war and exploitation have been the expression of immature stages in a vast historical process and that the human race is today experiencing the unavoidable tumult which marks its collective coming of age is not a reason for despair but a prerequisite to undertaking the stupendous enterprise of building a peaceful world.” —Universal House of Justice



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September 27 10 a.m.
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Guest Speaker Sister Richelle Friedman, PBDM; with Worship Associate Clark Ritz
Sister Richelle from the Coalition on Human Needs will share how her participation as a “Nun on the Bus” is motivated by faith and Catholic Social Justice Teachings. Our Social Action Committee Special Collection will be for Coalition on Human Needs.

Online only service. Streaming information at www.pbuuc.org

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City Notes

The Animal Shelter hosts a rabbit, three kittens (one fostered) and nine cats. One kitten was adopted.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.54 tons of refuse and 10.58 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental led 16 Weed Warriors clearing invasive plants from Buddy Attick Park pollinator gardens.

Museum staff are designing an online store. Building Maintenance monitored humidity at the Museum.

Recreation facilities are gradually reopening with modified schedules, hybrid classes, limited access and health screening. Permits have been issued for some outdoor spaces. Park Rangers found evidence of alcohol and bonfires in parks. The outdoor pool closed for winter; the indoor pool reopened for limited use.

The Community Center hosts 221 participants for hybrid arts classes. Free video lessons and art materials serve Springhill Lake Elementary School students. Mom’s Morning Out includes health screening for pre-schoolers entering their outdoor classroom. Therapeutic Recreation publicized Zoom Health/Fitness classes and distributed meals to 35 seniors.

CARES started twice-weekly Zoom ESOL classes.

Community Drum Circles for Wellness

The wellness team of Greenbelt’s Heavenly Well Acupuncture and Massage, Julia Shapiro and Renée Cooper, will sponsor Drumming for Wellness Community Drum Circles with Katy Gaughan this fall to boost participants’ spirit and immune system for the upcoming winter.

Join the Drum Circles to connect with community and support wellness on any or all dates: Saturday, October 10; Wednesday, October 14; Saturday, October 24; Wednesday, October 28. No drumming experience is necessary.

Gaughan is a professional drum circle facilitator who brings joy and wellness to the world one beat at a time. She is a Greenbelt resident and has been offering drum circles in the community for over 15 years.

The drum circles will be held in a local open-air glass pavilion. All participants will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Drummers are encouraged to bring their own drums and sanitized drums will be available. The location has free parking, is a 15-minute walk from Greenbelt Metro and has access to restrooms. Space is limited and registration is required. There is a fee. The address will be given upon registration. To register go to heavenlywell.com.

Meals on Wheels Launches GoFundMe

Meals on Wheels of College Park provides those in need in Prince George’s County, including Greenbelt, with a food delivery service. Since the pandemic began, they have nearly doubled their client base, straining their resources. The organization is now seeking community support by launching a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$500,000. This will support the purchase of new kitchen appliances and supplies to feed those affected by COVID-19. Learn more or contribute at charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/fund-us-to-feed-them.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2

Monday, September 28 at 7:30pm, **CERT & CART PRESENTATION**, a 9/11 slideshow presentation based on the Ground Zero response in NYC. Register for presentation at GreenbeltCERT@gmail.com

Monday, September 28 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm **VIRTUAL POLICE TOWN HALL** (See Meetings Calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov for details)

Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00pm **SPECIAL MEETING-UPDATE FROM COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT’S OFFICE** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, September 30 at 7:30pm **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan Update, Discussion of Pedestrian Paths and Cyclists, and Election of a Vice Chair

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.



NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
Saturday, September 26 from 10am-1pm
Indian Creek Trail off Cherrywood Lane

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works for a stream cleanup event in recognition of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are needed to clean up litter along Indian Creek. Volunteers will meet up in the parking lot behind Beltway Plaza 6000 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD near the Shell gas station.

- Reminders:
- Bring a reusable water bottle
 - Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
 - Students: bring community-service forms
 - Face masks must be worn and social distancing protocols must be followed at all times
 - Volunteers must register in order to participate
- To Register: Contact Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltnmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:


- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000



Emergency Diaper Pick-Up
Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George’s county families by distributing diapers on Thursday, October 15th, 2020.

Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child’s birth certificate, proof of Prince George’s residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Prince George’s county residential address) - if it is their first time attending the event. **No walk-ups accepted.** Please register online at <https://forms.gle/RQ3BW1DXSg28FWUS9>. Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.


Katherine Farzin
Bilingual Community Outreach Coordinator
Greenbelt Assistance in Living program
City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Office: (240) 542-2019

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY GREENBELT SCMAGLEV OPPOSITION TASK FORCE

The Greenbelt City Council approved the creation of the Greenbelt SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force. The SCMAGLEV is a proposal for a Super Conducting Magnetic Levitation Rail System which would impact the City of Greenbelt.

The City is seeking citizens to participate on this task force with knowledge in the following areas: Environmental Engineering, Major Transportation Projects, Environmental Law, Social Justice and Community Advocacy.

The purpose of the task force is to lead opposition efforts including, identifying short and long term action strategies, review of environmental documents, community education, bridging partnerships with other advocacy groups and coordinating public relations materials.

If interested, please respond to the City Clerk, Bonita Anderson at banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov by Monday, October 5.



THE MONTHLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION IS BACK WITH A NEW LOCATION!

Produce Distribution
STARTING OCTOBER 15TH
1:00PM-3:00PM

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
15 CRESCENT ROAD,
GREENBELT, MD 20770

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ROUNDAABOUT AND FLAGPOLE**

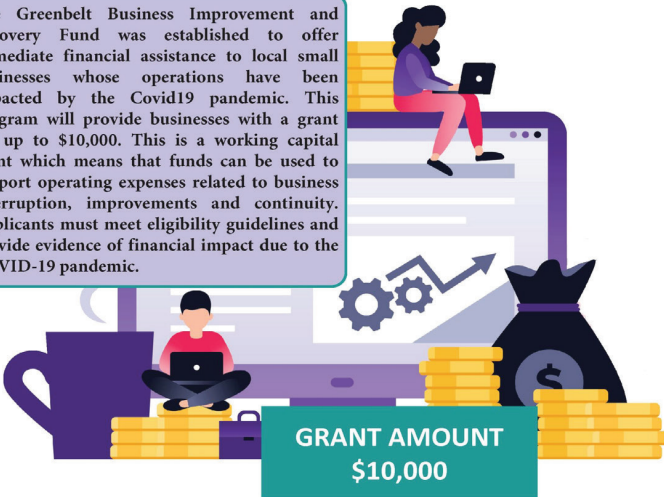
WEED WARRIORS: Invasive Plant Pull
Saturday, October 10 from 10 AM – 1 PM
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

- Reminders:
- Bring a reusable water bottle
 - Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
 - Students: bring community-service forms
 - Volunteers must register in order to participate
- To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltnmd.gov**

City of Greenbelt BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AND RECOVERY FUND

The Greenbelt Business Improvement and Recovery Fund was established to offer immediate financial assistance to local small businesses whose operations have been impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. This program will provide businesses with a grant for up to \$10,000. This is a working capital grant which means that funds can be used to support operating expenses related to business interruption, improvements and continuity. Applicants must meet eligibility guidelines and provide evidence of financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Application Process:
The application process has been streamlined to expedite the review, selection and disbursement of grant funds. The process is as follows:

- Businesses would be required to provide the following documentation:**
- Completed application
 - 2019 Income Statement or Business Tax Return (Form 4506-T)
 - 2020 Interim Income Statement (January – June)
 - 2019 Personal Tax Return (If filing a Schedule C)
 - Business is in good standing with Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT)
 - Proof of Employment



Apply at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recovery-fund

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faxed or emailed (scanned as an attachment) to the board.

Mail-in Voting

Everyone surely knows by now that because of the risks of spreading COVID-19, voters in the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election are strongly encouraged to take advantage of mail-in voting to avoid the lines, waits and close contacts that may occur with in-person voting in an election that is expected to draw heavy turnout. Early concerns about the handling of ballots and the capability of the U.S. Postal Service have been significantly reduced with the encouragement to submit completed ballots as early as possible and to take advantage of Board of Election drop-boxes for the return of ballots.

All registered voters should have received an application form to receive a mail-in ballot some time ago. The deadline for submitting an application for a mail-in ballot depends on the way you wish to receive it. The simplest way is to be sure the application will be in the Board of Elections office no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20. For other options, call the office in advance. If you did not receive an application form and wish to vote by mail-in, contact the Board of Elections office immediately.

It is still expected that mail-in ballots that have been requested will be mailed by the end of September. Once voters receive them, voting begins. Mail-in voters are encouraged to read the instructions carefully to be sure requirements are met.

Mail-in voters are also responsible for returning their ballot on time in the provided return envelope. If the ballot is to be mailed, the post office encourages mailing it seven days ahead of Election Day if possible. Alternatively, the ballot can be taken to the

Board of Elections office at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Or, the ballot can be placed in any of the 44 drop-boxes to be placed throughout Prince George’s County. Some of these boxes will be placed when voting begins, from September 28 to 30, and others will be added from October 15 to 17, as Election Day grows closer.

Drop-Box Locations

While any of the drop-boxes in the county may be used by Greenbelt voters to return their ballots, the closest ones to Greenbelt placed from September 28 to 30 will be the following: DuVal High School (9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham), The Pavilion-University of Maryland Xfinity Center (8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park) and Parkdale High School (6001 Good Luck Road, Riverdale). Additional boxes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (7601 Hanover Drive) and Glenn Dale Community Center (11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale) will be placed from October 15 to 17. Once placed and open for business, all drop-boxes will remain available 24 hours per day, up to the time the polls close at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3. They will be guarded by surveillance cameras or in-person security.

In-Person Voting

Some county residents will choose to go to one of some 40 Election Day Vote Centers, which will be open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3 only. There, they can complete a ballot and submit it in person, much as usual, though it will not be at their usual precinct and they may not see any of their neighbors.

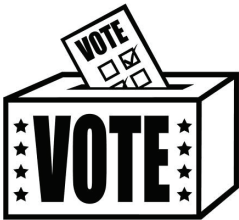
Other county residents may prefer to take advantage of 11 Early Voting Centers that will be open daily for voting from Monday, October 26, through

Monday, November 2, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Early Voting centers will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. as well.

Since voters who wish to vote in person for this election are not required to vote at an assigned polling place, they can choose any of the Prince George’s County sites for Early Voting or Election Day voting in person. The locations nearest to Greenbelt, however, in order of distance, will be the following.

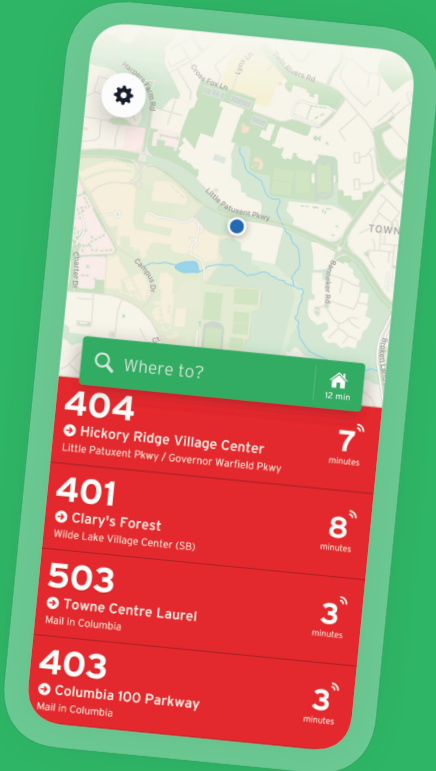
For Early Voting: DuVal High School (9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham); The Pavilion at University of Maryland Xfinity Center (8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park); and Kentland Community Center (2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover). Greenbelters who were used to going to the College Park Community Center for Early Voting should be aware that, at least for this election, that location is replaced by the Xfinity Center at the University.

For Election Day (Tuesday, November 3) voting: All the above Early Voting locations will be available for voting on Election Day, but the locations closest to Greenbelt on that day will be Eleanor Roosevelt High School (7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt); DuVal High School (9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham); Parkdale High School (6001 Good Luck Road, Riverdale); Glenn Dale Community Center (11901 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale); and The Pavilion at University of Maryland, Xfinity Center (8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park).



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KEY DATES FOR VOTING IN MARYLAND:

<https://elections.maryland.gov/>

NOW	Download an online form to request a mail-in ballot. Print, complete and sign the form and mail back to: Prince George’s County Board of Elections 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774
Aug 26-30	Mail-in ballot request forms were mailed out to all MD registered voters
Mid-Sept to Oct 27	Ballots mailed to those who requested them
Early Oct	Ballot drop-boxes will be set up throughout Maryland for collecting completed ballots in special signed return envelopes.
Oct 13	Last day to register to vote in Maryland
Oct 27	Last day to request a mail-in ballot. Form must be received no later than 10/27 at the local county board office.
Oct 26-Nov 2	Voting Center “early voting” throughout each County from 7am to 8pm. There will be NINE DAYS of voting opportunities. Do not wait until the last minute. Try to vote early if you did not get a mail-in ballot and return it.
Nov 3	Final Election Day to vote at a Voting Center IF you did not receive and return a mail-in ballot. If you requested and did not receive your ballot you must vote on a “provisional” ballot form. More Vote Centers will be open on this day in case there are many people this affected.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, October 1, 2020

- A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting (open to visitors and members) – starts at 7.00 p.m.
- Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on October 1, 2020
- B. GHI Executive Session Meeting (closed to visitors and members) – starts after the GHI Special Session Meeting adjourns
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on September 3, 2020
 - Request by Member to Assign Their Unit to GHI
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Member Complaint Matter
- C. GDC Open Session Meeting (open to visitors and members) – starts at 7.45 p.m.
- Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on June 18, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on July 9, 2020
 - Establish a Date for the 2020 Stockholders’ Meeting
 - Report on the Operations of GDC for the Year 2019
 - Review 2020 1st Half-Year Financial Statements
- D. GHI Open Session Meeting (open to visitors and members) – starts after the GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns
- Announcement of Complaint Hearing Held in a Closed Meeting on September 22, 2020
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on October 1, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on September 3, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on September 3, 2020
 - Permit Request from a Member to Construct a Serviceside Addition
 - Permit Request from a Member to Install a Gardenside Chain Link Fence
 - Permit Request from a Member to Allow the Conversion of Living Room into a Bedroom
 - Permit Request from a Member to Replace a Jalousie Window with a Sliding Window
 - Proposed Agenda for the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and Preparations for the Meeting
 - Application for a Grant From the Greenbelt Business Improvement and Recovery Fund

Contact information for attending the Board meeting is as follows:

Topic: Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Oct 1, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89650549747?pwd=TDcxdk13MlFmZFM2NVRGTVZRRdGxTQT09>

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To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Election 2020

How to Serve as Election Judge

by Edith J. Beauchamp

The Maryland Board of Elections, including for Prince George’s County, is still actively recruiting polling place workers willing to take several-hour training classes to learn to be on-site election judges, either to be assigned directly to work at a specific polling site, or to be an alternate judge in case someone gets sick and has to drop out. Although it requires a time commitment to help run the election, there is a modest payment for the day’s work plus the training time when it is completed, which is higher than minimum wage. This year there may be opportunities to work more than just one day. Those interested should go to the following link at the Prince George’s County Board of Elections for an application: princegeorgescountymd.gov/formcenter/elections-10/online-election-judge-application-56.

The work requires putting in a very long day. In many cases the trained judges need to arrive by 5 or 6 a.m. on the election day they are assigned (now October 26 to November 3) to have time to set up the polls before the 7 a.m. opening, and then to stay through until the last voters leave the building following the 8 p.m. closing time, as well as completing the specific closing of the polls procedures. Judges must bring their own food, because once the polls open they cannot leave. Food must be consumed on breaks only at the discretion of the chief judge. Sometimes there is a soda machine, sometimes not, so bring plenty of bottled water or alternate beverage. There is no smoking or alcohol allowed at the polling location.

Judges need to be U.S. citizens with a driver’s license and, if 18 or older, registered to vote in Maryland. However, it is not too late to register to vote. Prospective judges must be able to get to the training classes and to the assigned polls in a timely manner. Training classes must be scheduled by the recruiter as soon as possible, but there will be opportunities for scheduling the several hours of training with available slots up through mid-October, a week or so before the first polls open.

Maryland law allows high school students to participate as election judges if they are over the age of 16. Perhaps a high school or college teacher would give class credit for participating. Judges must dress professionally, must be polite and must refrain from any inappropriate language or unprofessional behavior no matter what their age. Judges cannot discuss the candidates or

issues inside the polls.

Specific information about special preparations for PPE, masks, hand sanitizer and other social distancing requirements and formal policies on testing for COVID-19 are under development by the State and County Boards of Elections, and will no doubt be an addendum to the training.

Those are some of the basic ground rules. There are many others in terms of learning to help with some minor set-up of the equipment (much of it will be done by professional staff), assist with specific opening and closing audit procedures to be learned and assigned, and meet lots of interesting people who will also be grateful for volunteers’ service. There is great reward in helping enable this important right of citizenship for hundreds of others during this day of service.

Serving as an election judge is a terrific learning opportunity in how democracy works; it is patriotic; it is a special service; it requires several days of training at the County Board of Elections offices on the equipment and reading a lot of training materials both during class and before serving. Training includes lectures and individual practice on the voting equipment followed by mock practice sessions with the equipment and other prospective judges to simulate typical scenarios that happen at the polls with real voters, so the poll workers are prepared. The chief judge will always be there to help answer questions and handle difficult challenges during the real election day. After the training sessions, a chief judge will call to assign a specific polling location, which may not be the judge’s own precinct.

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recently, outdoor patio service, the Café continues to call on its network of patrons for financial support.

“This was a crisis and still is a crisis for cafés,” said Mark Cheater, the New Deal Café’s board secretary, who facilitates Café marketing and communications. “We need to run as close to 100 percent capacity as possible to make money in the arts industry.”

Wins Boost Auction

This last week of the auction comes right after the announcement that the Café won the Best Place to Experience Local Music title in the Washington City Paper’s annual Best of D.C. contest. The Café placed third in Best Music Venue and Best Place to Have Dinner with Live Music. Auctioneer Arlene Kaminsky is hoping this announcement will draw new patrons to the auction site. A recent retiree from the advertising department of the Washington City Paper, Kaminsky knows how important the Best of D.C. contest is to giving food and music venues recognition. “The people they’re up against are some of the major players in the D.C.-Maryland area,” Kaminsky said. “Best of D.C. gives Greenbelt outside recognition.”

A self-described New Deal Café fan and Silver Spring resident, Kaminsky volunteered to set up and run the auction. She put the fundraiser together in two months. Normally, she reported, auctions are planned over a nine-month period and she has been calling and emailing potential donors non-stop. Even now Kaminsky still checks the auction site every day to talk with auction winners and to proofread for mistakes.

The New Deal Café has “such a loyal and amazing following,”



The Café has won the Best Place to Experience Local Music title in the Washington City Paper.

Kaminsky said, noting that winners have frequently added donations to the listing cost of the item they have bought. “It’s got that small town feel in the middle of the DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia metropolitan area) and people just care so much that they add money.”

Thrilled by Response

Cheater also expressed gratitude for bidders and said he was “humbled and thrilled” by the response to the auction. “Every dollar is a dollar we didn’t have before,” he said.

After the auction ends, the Café will continue to fundraise

to help support the cooperative. Cheater said the board of directors is discussing opening the indoor dining space but is navigating how to do that in a safe way. “We desperately want to reopen and have music playing again and welcome our patrons back, but we need to do it safely and in a financially viable way,” he said. “It’s Greenbelt’s community living room and we’re trying to do everything we can to stay in business right now.”

Julia Arbutus is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.

Jim Cassels Award

If you are a Greenbelt resident, nonprofit or cooperative with an idea just waiting to be realized:

We have money for you!

Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative gives a \$1,200.00 award to a local group, cooperative or organization to implement a project or activity that contributes to the Greenbelt community in 2020. The Jim Cassels Community Service Award honors Jim Cassels' many years of volunteer work in the Greenbelt community. Applications available at Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Office or Online at

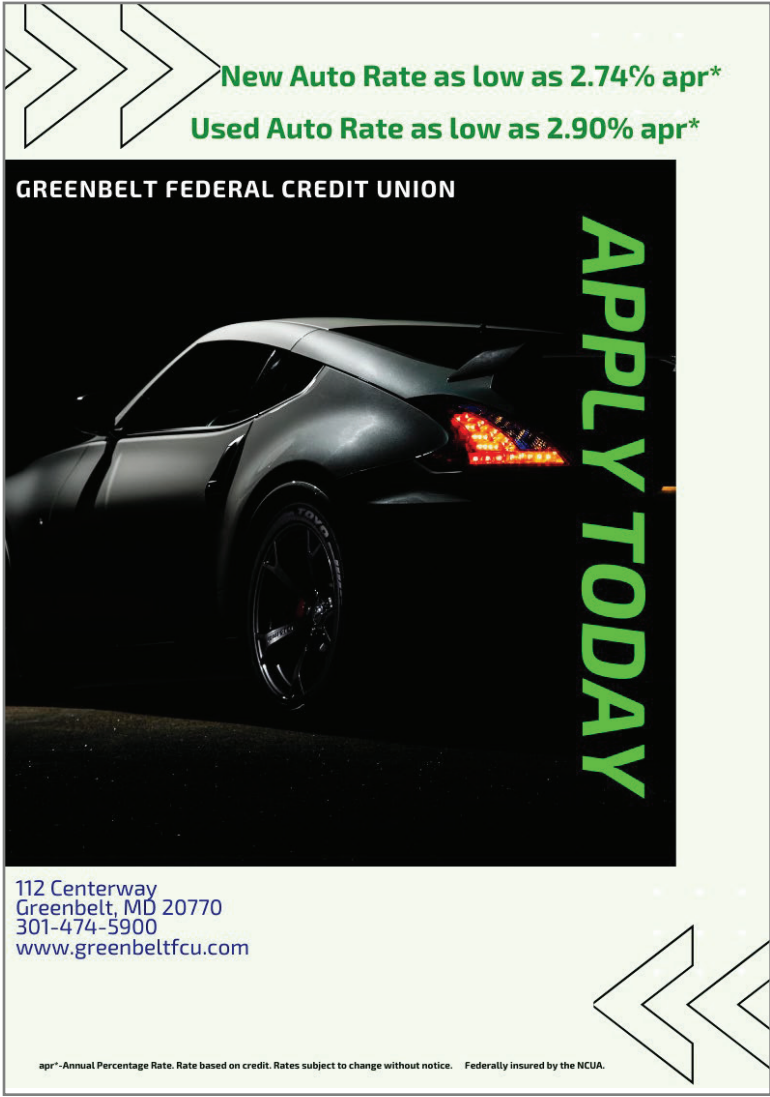
<http://www.greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award/>
For more information call Donna Hoffmeister at 301 441 9377 or write donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net.

Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2020.

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A 5-week series, starting October 1st, 2020
Mindfulness meditation helps support our resilience during change and enhances our relationships. This course focuses on helping you build the habit of mindfulness to experience these benefits first-hand.
The class will be offered online by Heidi Schuttenberg each Thursday in Oct from 4-5:15 PM, and is offered by donation. Find out more and register for the course at: <https://forms.gle/Byj8VGV6bF9T757>
See article on page 3 for more information.

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Release of DEIS on Maglev Moved Up by Two Months

by Deanna Dawson

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which manages the maglev project’s environmental review process, has moved the schedule forward for the review and release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project. According to a report released last week by the FRA, the administrative draft DEIS will soon be completed and sent on Monday, October 19, to a limited group of government agencies for review. These include federal agencies that have property that will be directly impacted by the project, specifically the National Park Service (Baltimore-Washington Parkway and National Register of Historic Places), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration-Goddard Space Flight Center, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

(BARC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Patuxent Research Refuge and the National Security Agency. The comment period for these agencies will end on Friday, November 13. Previously, the initial draft was anticipated to be sent to agencies for review on Monday, December 28. Input from these agencies will be incorporated into the DEIS that will be released for review by other federal, state and local government agencies and the public. The expected release date is now January 22, 2021, and the public comment period is scheduled to close on March 8, 2021. The City of Greenbelt and residents can submit comments and concerns about the project during this 45-day period. Public hearings on the DEIS will be held in February 2021. The DEIS will not identify a preferred alternative. Alternatives include a no-build option and

12 build options that are various combinations of the route alignment (alignment J runs along the east side of the B-W Parkway, alignment J1 on the west side) and the locations of a 175-acre trainset maintenance facility (one of three sites: two on BARC – one to the east of the B-W Parkway, the other to the west; the third is north of Md. 198 to the east of the Parkway) and the Baltimore station (Cherry Hill or Camden Yards; Mount Vernon Square East in Washington, D.C., and BWI-Marshall Airport stations are part of all build alternatives). The proposed alternative will be selected after consideration of the comments received and included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision, which is now scheduled for release in January 2022.



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Engineering Consultant

Council also supported a staff recommendation to hire an environmental engineering firm to help oppose the maglev project. The firm would be asked to review a draft environmental impact statement on the project which was expected to be released in spring of 2020, but will now be released for public review in January 2021.

Councilmember Judith Davis supported hiring the firm but questioned the timeline. “Hiring a firm in September or October for something that’s happening next spring seems to me a little too advanced, though we do need to have a firm on hand that can start gathering material,” said Davis.

Davis also read a letter from Rick Cummings, vice president of Condominium Ventures, Inc., which manages the Greenbriar and Hunting Ridge condominium communities. The letter opposed the maglev train on the basis that in normal conditions buildings and underground utilities are damaged by soil movement, and a train tunnel could cause further damage.

Staff noted that the first step would be to gather names and availability of firms rather than immediately hiring. Council asked staff to bring information on possible firms to the next meeting.

Heroes Project

Davis noted her opposition to the American Heroes Project, a federal proposal to erect a statue garden, potentially in Greenbelt Park. She expressed concern that the project could turn the park into a “theme park” that would require additional parking and visitor center space.

“Our national park should stay the way it is,” Davis said. “It is a beautiful little park.”

Council approved a motion to send a letter to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior stating that Greenbelt Park is not an appropriate location for the American Heroes Project.

Reopening

Councilmember Emmett Jordan raised the question of pandemic reopening in Greenbelt,

asking that some city facilities move toward opening.

City Manager Nicole Ard said that Greenbelt’s services are uniquely people-driven and she wants to keep those people safe. Public Works Director Jim Sterling said that keeping staff safe involves staggered shifts, personal protective equipment and disinfectant. He said those strategies can be used as buildings reopen and the necessary shields are being installed in public buildings. Jordan called the progress encouraging.

Other Business

Ard presented information on the Greenbelt Business Improvement and Recovery Fund. Applications for grants up to \$10,000 to support businesses are due October 16. If funds are not fully distributed at that time the

application will move to a rolling basis. Nonprofit groups will not be eligible for the program unless they provide a service related to COVID-19.

Council delivered a proclamation marking September 26 as National Public Lands Day and heard details of a planned socially-distant volunteer event for that day. Volunteers will pick up litter along Indian Creek and must register in advance.

Allison Mollenkamp is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



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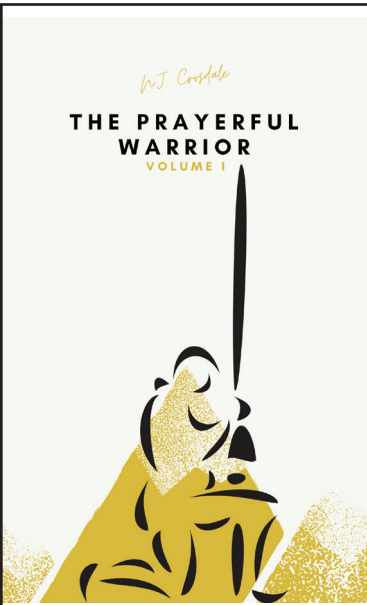
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Last-minute Police Support Rally, a Grassroots Effort

by Cathie Meetre

A rally in support of Greenbelt police was held on Friday, September 18. It was organized by a group of Greenbelt neighbors who began emailing one another only a few days earlier about having a rally near the Greenbelt Police Station to demonstrate support, solidarity and appreciation for them and the work they do protecting the public, according to Robert Snyder, spokesperson for the group. Snyder explained that the organizers wanted to express their gratitude for the men and women who are on call 24/7 to cope with problems and crime issues that arise throughout Greenbelt. Some of the group noted what seemed like a spike in crime as reported in this newspaper's Police Blotter.

Community Rooted

Snyder notes that members of the not-yet formally established group all had a part in the preparations. Some made handmade signs, some obtained professionally printed signs, some donated water, some took photos, some brought chairs, some brought snacks, one prepared a petition and several made phone calls and sent emails to notify others of the event. It was a team effort.

The Facebook site that sparked the interactions, Public Support and Appreciation for GPD, was developed in June of this year by Greenbelter Justin Baker in response to proposals to reform and perhaps defund the Greenbelt police. The group had seen articles and letters in the News Review that focused on this effort and felt the public was hearing only one side of the issue. Snyder indicated that the group feels there are many in the community who believe the Greenbelt police are well qualified, professional, well trained and diverse, and yet the public was either not aware of this or were hearing only from groups that were tarnishing the police's image.

Snyder described how the group also thought that, prior to its rally, there had been a number of tragic incidents across the nation where law enforcement personnel have been targeted, ambushed and shot. In common with groups that have formed in other states and cities, the Greenbelt group wanted to proactively demonstrate support for and solidarity with its own local law enforcement.



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Goals Achieved

According to Snyder, the group felt the rally was successful and achieved its four goals: 1) it demonstrated appreciation and support for the Greenbelt police during the pandemic and heightened political and social divisions at a time when the group felt law enforcement was being minimized, belittled and targeted; 2) it demonstrated to the residents of Greenbelt, city council, city staff and first responders that a viable Greenbelt police support group has formed that will plan events and actions as needed; 3) it demonstrated its ability to plan and organize an event or action within a short time span and involve like-minded Greenbelt residents who are concerned with public safety and crime matters; and 4) it effectively opposed the mayor's policing act proposals and his defunding support group.

Positive Police Reaction

Snyder reported that the police were informed of the rally and had thanked the organizers for the notification, with several officers stopping by for a few minutes to converse, as they did with participants of the Black Lives Matter events over the past several months. Organizers reported that public response was supportive as judged by tooting of horns, waves, thumbs up and shouts of support.

Over the course of the event, Snyder estimated about 30 to 35 people joined at one time or another.

Snyder noted that the rally was not widely publicized and many were not aware of it. He said, however, that the group wanted to get going in the aftermath of tragic events nationwide and the local council actions that focused on the mayor's policing act. Snyder related that the group plans to continue with rallies, appreciation dinners for the police, petitions and thank you cards and other actions that reflect support and appreciation for the Greenbelt Police Department.

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Robbery

September 12, 3:47 a.m., 7507 Greenbelt Road. A group of three women approached another woman who was in her vehicle in the parking lot of the CVS Pharmacy. One asked to use her cell phone, but when the woman said no, one of the group sprayed her with pepper spray and took her wallet and cell phone and fled. The woman was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Her wallet was recovered nearby.

Assault

September 9, 6:12 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A woman at Super Beauty said a man approached her and touched her inappropriately. He was located nearby and denied the incident. The woman refused any further action and the man, a nonresident, was identified and sent on his way.

September 11, 5:44 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. An employee of Super Beauty saw a group of five girls who she believed to be shoplifting. When she confronted them, one sprayed pepper spray at the employee and another girl punched another employee before they all left the store. They were located nearby and identified. The employees refused any further action.

Theft

September 9, 12:17 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Unattended electronic surveying equipment was taken in the parking garage at Beltway Plaza.

September 11, 3:31 p.m., 5997 Springhill Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

September 12, 7:34 p.m., 7858 Lakecrest Drive. Two bicycles, one purple and the other green, were removed from a storage unit.

September 13, 10:54 a.m., 7415 Greenbelt Road. A wallet and cell phone were removed from a locker that had been broken into at LA Fitness.

Possession

September 12, 4 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Mandan Road.

A 26-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana after being stopped for a registration violation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Fraud

September 11, 3:12 p.m., 41 Court Ridge Road. A woman received a phone call from a person who said her identity had been stolen and she needed to pay money to take care of the issue. After she paid the caller with gift cards, she realized she had been defrauded.

Burglary

September 13, 10:59 a.m., 5914 Cherrywood Terrace. A woman saw a man loitering in front of her apartment building. A short time later she saw the same man on her rear balcony taking the screen off the sliding glass door. When he saw her in the residence, he fled.

Vehicle Crime

A 2009 Chevrolet Traverse stolen from 6021 Springhill Drive was recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 9000 block Baltimore Avenue. Rear Maryland tag 9DX2345

was taken at 7921 Mandan Road and a front tag from 9009 Breezewood Terrace. Four tires and rims as well as a catalytic converter were taken from a vehicle in 34 Court Ridge Road. A catalytic converter was also taken from Maplewood Court.

Three wallets were taken, one each in the 6200 block Springhill Drive and 6223 Springhill Court, both after windows had been broken to gain access. The other wallet was from an unlocked vehicle in the 5300 block North Center Drive.

Officers responded to a report of a theft in progress at 9334 Edmonston Road, where a witness saw people removing tires and rims from a vehicle. He yelled out and the men fled in a vehicle described as a gray Chrysler 300 with temporary tags. The tires were left next to the vehicle.

A vehicle in the 7730 Hanover Parkway was damaged by what appears to be a gunshot.

Paint was scratched in the 7600 block Greenbrook Drive. At approximately 2:05 p.m. the same day officers responded to a report of gunshots in the same area, where two dark-colored vehicles were seen leaving the area.

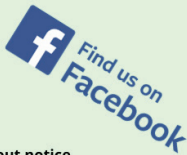
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An eight-member School Renaming Commission has been established to address facilities named after slave owners or those “connected to systemic racism” in order to reflect PGCP’s “commitment to diversity, inclusion and democracy,” said Thomas. A report, expected by October 30, will be presented to CEO Dr. Monica Goldson with recommendations for change, with the public given an opportunity to weigh in before any final changes are made. “Of the more than 200 building names in the county,” said Thomas, none in Greenbelt qualify for change at present.

School Resource Officers

September 14 was the meeting date chosen by the BOE to reexamine the subject of whether to continue the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in PGCP. This was to make a better-informed decision that takes into account the community’s views, which are mixed, said Thomas. No BOE votes have as yet taken place.

In regard to the SRO at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, council expressed mostly positive views on the program, feeling that it is a good example of com-

munity policing, and said they were grateful for a trained presence, not only in the school but the surrounding neighborhood, to handle any dangerous incidents. Councilmember Rodney Roberts felt that the fact that the SRO is armed sends a negative message, as gleaned from discussions with youth in the area, and would be inconsequential in an active shooter situation.

Thomas said that there continues to be a teacher shortage in the county. Yet, the virtual setting has allowed for greater adaptability for the time being, as a larger class size can be managed more easily.

Abuse Training

With no in-person teaching, abuse referrals are down nationwide, as a large number come from teachers. Even so, PGCP has provided abuse recognition training in the virtual setting. Thomas said that the plan, starting in October, is to distribute surveys to parents, teachers and staff to provide a qualitative analysis of the efficacy of the online approach.

Council encouraged the BOE to make its own statement of opposition to the proposed maglev

project, as it would affect PGCP school infrastructure. Thomas welcomed any information from council and agreed to pass on the request.

GMS Athletic Field

For years, a possible memorandum of understanding between the BOE and the city has languished over the possibility of the county refurbishing the athletic field at Greenbelt Middle School, which is in a state of unsafe disrepair. The city has offered to take on any maintenance duties afterwards. This would en-

hance recreation opportunities in Greenbelt West. Thomas said he would try to push this to fruition with the county administration.

Councilmember Silke Pope, herself a teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary School, said she was pleased that the county decided to hold to the virtual approach despite the governor’s school reopening statement. While encountering many challenges this first week, she said, “we learn as we go” and that this “was a good decision” for students, teachers and staff.



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Retro Town Fair Wraps Up Successful Virtual Venture

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill



First place Baked Goods, "Midnight Chocolate Cake" by JoEllen Sarff



First place Mask, Crocheted Lined Masks by Joyce Wineland

The Retro Town Fair (RTF) was held virtually this year, and the talents of our fellow residents were breathtakingly displayed. The judges were very impressed and decided that the virtual RTF was a success. A huge thank you to the judges and participants.

The needlework category was particularly strong, and two entries were awarded the purple champion designation: Evelyn Crellin for her lace tablecloth, and Katie Stewart for her garden angel cross stitch. Many other beautiful works were given blue first-place awards including a knitted scarf by Allison Titman and an embroidery based on a photograph by Teresa Petrovic. Patti Stang submitted a fun dinosaur costume, receiving a second-place ribbon.

The baked goods category has been a favorite for the judges as they are able to sample each entry. This year there was no tasting, but items were judged on appearance and the recipes were carefully considered. Standouts from JoEllen Sarff and Leta Mach were awarded blue ribbons. Sarff has taken home the champion purple in baking several times in the RTF's history. Her blue-ribbon entry this year was midnight chocolate cake.

Some beautiful produce and flowers were submitted virtually, and particular standouts were Natalie Bailey's butternut squash and Amethyst Dwyer's urban farm/goddess garden. Both won blue ribbons.

Masks were a new category this year, and Joyce Wineland had an impressive variety of styles entered. Her crochet mask won a blue ribbon. Crafts were a joy and Anna Socrates got a first place for her handmade dolls. Pragati Godbole-Chaudhuri's brightly painted pot won a red ribbon.

Canned goods included perennial favorites like pickles, featured in last week's News Review, and Jon Gardner's apple wine.

Finally, the legacy section was filled with treasures. This is a special category as the Greenbelt Museum hosts the Fair, and seeing the beautiful work done in the past by folks important to Greenbelters is an important connection to history.

To see a full list of the virtual RTF 2020 entries, with photographs, visit the Museum website at greenbeltmuseum.org.

Thanks again to all participants, to the all-important judging panel and to the News Review for excellent coverage of the event. Looking forward to next year at the fair.

Go-Go Caravan and Program Highlight Voting, Eviction Issues

by Ed Fallon

"Moechella 2020 @Franklin Park" will bring a musical caravan, concert and lively community discussion to Greenbelt West on Saturday, September 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. The event is open to all. Come dressed for a festive go-go good time, adorned with Greenbelt West and Greenbelt pride – and a face mask.

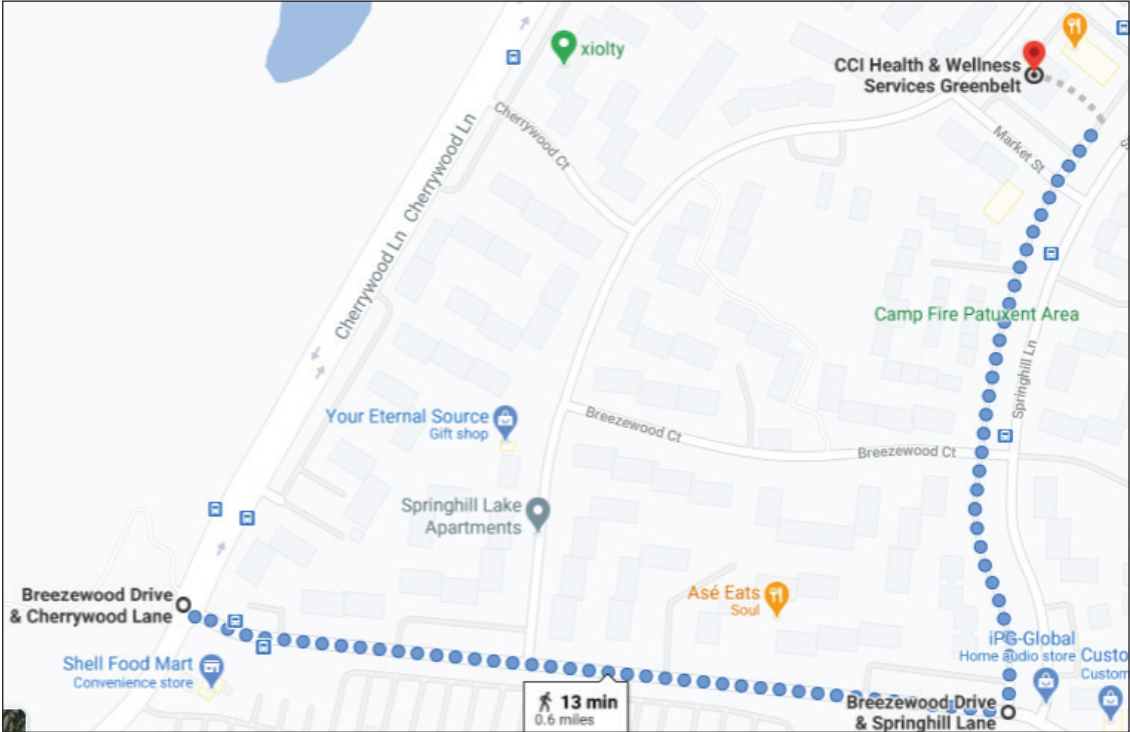
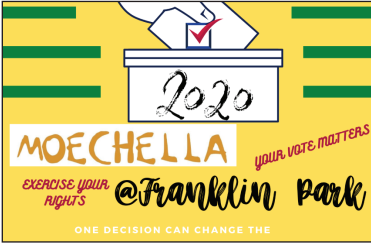
At 4 p.m. the D.C. Moechella go-go band will lead a community procession – with social distancing – from Cherrywood Lane to Springhill Lane to the CCI Clinic at 9200 Springhill Lane. The caravan will start at Beltway Plaza Mall's rear parking lot 1 near Breezewood Terrace and Cherrywood Lane, and end up at the clinic. Everyone in the area will be able to hear the music and join the caravan.

The program at the clinic will feature more music along with local and area residents and leaders discussing four goals: promoting voter registration, reducing violence, building community solidarity and assisting rental families in danger of eviction from their homes. Several members of Prince George's County Tenants' Defense will be present to discuss eviction issues. Speakers will also discuss what people can do beside voting to help their preferred presidential candidate and to identify local judges who will determine the kind of justice available in this area.

Moechella promotes the culture, solidarity and well-being of D.C.-area residents, and uses the power of go-go to fight for Black lives. The band's name

combines the Black slang "moe" (for a close friend or "homeboy/homegirl") with "chella" after the West Coast music festival Coachella.

Organizer LaWann Stribling, a Greenbelt entrepreneur and social activist, welcomes volunteers for publicity and at the event, as well as anyone who can help with expenses. To volunteer or contribute, email Stribling at StribbleTreats@gmail.com or leave a message at 301-364-4253.



The starting point of the caravan is Cherrywood Lane near Breezewood Drive, then it continues on Breezewood Drive to 9220 Springhill Lane. Turn left on Springhill Drive and continue to the CCI Clinic.

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